

Technology Transfer and Small Businesses

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Why is technology transfer being discussed at a DOE Procurement Conference?

- Selling your goods to DOE and DOE Labs is very market limiting.
- The jewels of DOE are technologies that can make your products unique in the global marketplace.
- Small businesses have access to some special programs that can facilitate technology transfer.

What is DOE technology transfer?

- Simply put, technology transfer is assigning the rights to patents/copyrights/trademarks owned by DOE to private sector companies.
- This process is managed by the DOE Laboratory Contractors for the DOE under guidelines established by DOE.

Why are Lab Contractors Interested in Technology Transfer to Small Businesses?

- To demonstrate economic development.
- To benefit the nation.
- To demonstrate effective management of the DOE resources it is entrusted to manage.